

Neshaminy gets in the last word in a 23-10 victory over Abington

Tied 10-10 in the fourth quarter, the Redskins scored two TDs for the "away" win at home.

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LANGHORNE — For three quarters of Neshaminy's 23-10 victory over Abington on Friday night, Redskins quarterback Jim Deitz undoubtedly played poorly.

Three completions in 13 attempts' worth of poorly.

Then, in the fourth quarter, Deitz's passes were as crisp as the autumn air. He completed 5 of 7, including one for the winning 19-yard touchdown to tight end Joe Fullerton with 4 minutes, 39 seconds remaining in regulation.

"This was my worst game of the season," said Deitz, a junior, "but our other guys picked it up."

Or, until Deitz picked it up himself.

Two plays before he hit Fullerton down the empty center of Abington's defense, Deitz heaved a 45-yard pass to split end Omar Harris to turn the momentum back to Neshaminy (5-2 overall, 5-1 Suburban One National).

"There was no free safety on that play, and I told Omar that his eyes should light up when he sees that," Deitz said.

Abington (2-4, 2-4) had tied the game, 10-10, two minutes into the fourth quarter on Bryan Blackstone's 39-yard burst.

However, on the first play of the final quarter, Blackstone couldn't punch the ball into the end zone on fourth down from the Neshaminy 1. He was mugged for a 2-yard loss.

"When you get the ball down there, you have to score," Abington coach Doug Moister said. "But it was a great game. This is what Friday nights are for."

Friday night ended for the Ghosts

moments after Fullerton's touchdown. Neshaminy cornerback Todd Rieger intercepted Tim Baumher's first pass of the final quarter with only 2:16 left.

"We were on our own 40. We didn't have time to run the ball all the way. A power pass in that situation is usually pretty safe," Moister said.

Neshaminy is just thrilled the pass proved so dangerous.

"I was very, very pleased with our defensive effort," coach Mark Schmidt said. "We made big plays, and we hadn't done that in a while."

The game had originally been slated for Abington's field, but because of a lack of facilities there due to demolition work, it was moved to Neshaminy.

Neshaminy	3	0	7	13	—	23
Abington	0	3	0	7	—	10

N: FG Miller 24

A: FG McNeil 22

N: Hatfield 90 kickoff return (Miller kick)

A: Blackstone 39 run (McNeil kick)

N: Fullerton 19 pass from Deitz (kick failed)

N: Wiltz 9 run (Miller kick)